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different from a man made impoundment. Therefore, I urge the rejection of the Committee amendments and I want to emphasize that I opposed this proposal when it came up before the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee. I indicated to them the serious damage it would do to this bill and I have indicated to them that I will get up and oppose this bill, this word, this one word amendment as vigorously as I can, and considering the capabilities of my voice this morning, this is my most vigorous opposition. So I urge that you reject the Committee amendment, the one word amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I can sympathize with the Committee and Senator Dworak but I would rise to echo what Senator Bereuter has said. I am concerned also about the basic concept of the bill. I really do not know and I would like to know before I vote positively on the bill just what will happen and how much of an impact this will have. I am sure that most of us who have been across the state have seen hundreds of small impoundments of water. I am not sure that the idea isn't a good one but the County Assessors can today place whatever value they wish on that property and I would like to ask Senator Bereuter a question, if I could, based upon the difference between the bill with the amendment on it and the original bill. Senator Bereuter, if you would yield?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you have any idea as to how much of an increase the scope of the bill if the amendment were adopted?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I can only make a rough estimate and, of course, the major problem is that what is a wetland one year isn't necessarily a wetland the next year and that is what makes it so difficult to enforce, but taking into consideration, our vast wetland areas in the sandhills I think that it at least increases the amount of land exempted by twentyfold, twentyfold.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I wouldn't want you to sneak up on my blind side here, Senator Bereuter, is there any chance... I thought of Burbach because he might do that from time to time, is there any chance that this bill could be interpreted by those persons in charge of enforcement of the bill under the law as an encroachment upon the property rights of the landowner?

SENATOR BEREUTER: That is a question I have had raised several times and I will be happy to answer that question. The first provision, of course, is that we do have to write general law, if this was enacted by the people of the state through the amendment but the answer is no, specifically. The property owner is losing no rights to his property by the fact that he has tax exempt status or partially tax exempt, which might be the other option.